

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

December 9, 2020

From: Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 7

◆ ISSUE

The board will be briefed on the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium's (SEARHC) proposal to purchase three parcels of land owned by the Department of Education and Early Development and located on Japonski Island in Sitka, totaling 16.15 acres. In addition, the board will be briefed on Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS) Endowment Fund options, and other land issues.

◆ BACKGROUND

- On August 5, 2020, SEARHC provided the Department of Education and Early Development with an Offer to Purchase the following three properties:
 - Penrod Hall Lot (ASLA 97-63) containing 1.53 acres;
 - Millersville Lot (Lot 15G) containing 8.29 acres; and,
 - Motor Pool Lot (Lot 2 of Lot 15D1) containing 6.33 acres.
- The presentation will include a discussion of the options for the proceeds from any sale of Japonski Island property owned by the Department of Education and Early Development, including establishment of an endowment fund.
- Behind this cover memo are documents regarding SEARHC's request to purchase the three parcels, a timeline related to lots owned by the Department of Education and Early Development on Japonski Island, MEHS Endowment Fund options, and other land issues.
- Also behind this cover memo is a copy of the Department of Law memorandum regarding the Department of Education and Early Development's statutory authority for land transfers to a tribal health consortium.
- Randy Ruaro, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Office of the Governor, and Chuck Clement, President and Chief Executive Officer, SEARHC, will be presenting to the board.

◆ OPTIONS

This is an information update. No action is required.